2083CV00612 Gomes, Suzanne vs. Resource Employment Solutions, LLC

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•	File Date 08/17/2020
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Service	08/17/2020	11/16/2020	91	
Answer	08/17/2020	12/15/2020	120	
Rule 12/19/20 Served By	08/17/2020	12/15/2020	120	
Rule 12/19/20 Filed By	08/17/2020	01/14/2021	150	
Rule 12/19/20 Heard By	08/17/2020	02/15/2021	182	
Rule 15 Served By	08/17/2020	10/11/2021	420	
Rule 15 Filed By	08/17/2020	11/10/2021	450	
Rule 15 Heard By	08/17/2020	11/10/2021	450	
Discovery	08/17/2020	08/08/2022	721	
Rule 56 Served By	08/17/2020	09/06/2022	750	
Rule 56 Filed By	08/17/2020	10/06/2022	780	
Final Pre-Trial Conference	08/17/2020	02/03/2023	900	
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08/17/2020	Attorney appearance On this date Sania Sofia Santos, Esq. added as Private Counsel for Plaintiff Suzanne Gomes					
08/17/2020	Case assigned to: DCM Track A - Average was added on 08/17/2020					
08/17/2020	Original civil complaint filed.	1				
08/17/2020	Civil action cover sheet filed.	2				
09/21/2020	Attorney appearance On this date Nicole Christine D Chomiak, Esq. added as Private Counsel for Defendant Resource Employment Solutions, LLC	3				
09/21/2020	Defendant(s) Resource Employment Solutions, LLC's Assented to Motion for enlargement of time to answer plaintiff's complaint	4				

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Case 1:20-cv-11745 Summons

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THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO RESCUE Employment Solutions (Defendant's name)

You are being sued. The Plaintiff(s) named above has started a lawsuit against you. A copy of the Plaintiff's Complaint filed against you is attached to this summons and the original complaint has been filed in the Court.

YOU MUST ACT PROMPTLY TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS.

You must respond to this lawsuit in writing within 20 days.

If you do not respond, the court may decide the case against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the complaint. You will also lose the opportunity to tell your side of the story. You must respond to this lawsuit in writing even if you expect to resolve this matter with the Plaintiff. If you need more time to respond, you may request an extension of time in writing from the Court.

2. How to Respond.

To respond to this lawsuit, you must file a written to response with the court and mail a copy to the Plaintiff's Attorney (or the Plaintiff, if unrepresented). You can do this by:

a) Filing your signed original response with the Clerk's Office for Civil Business, Plymouth Courty 72 Belment St. Browen, N4 63201 (address), by mail or in person AND September

b) Delivering or mailing a **copy** of your response to the Plaintiff's Attorney/Plaintiff at the following address:

Scriascotos Esq. 37 Belmont St. #203, Brican, MA 02301

3. What to Include in Your Response.

An "Answer" is one type of response to a Complaint. Your Answer must state whether you agree or disagree with the fact(s) alleged in each paragraph of the Complaint. Some defenses, called affirmative defenses, must be stated in your Answer or you may lose your right to use them in court. If you have any claims against the Plaintiff (referred to as counterclaims) that are based on the same facts or transaction described in the Complaint, then you must include those claims in your Answer. Otherwise, you may lose your right to sue the Plaintiff about anything related to this lawsuit. If you want to have your case heard by a jury, you must specifically request a jury trial in your court no more than 10 days after sending your Answer.



Case 1:20-cv-11745 CIVIL TRACKING ORDER (STANDING ORDER 1- 88) CASE NAME: Gomes, Suzanne vs. Resource Employment Solutions, LLC TO: Resource Employment Solutions, LLC No addresses available To: Resource Employment Solutions, LLC Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Clerk of Courts Filed 09 Trial Court of Massachusetts The Superior Court Robert S. Creedon, Jr., Clerk of Courts Plymouth County Superior Court - Brockton 72 Belmont Street Brockton, MA 02301

TRACKING ORDER - A - Average

You are hereby notified that this case is on the track referenced above as per Superior Court Standing Order 1-88. The order requires that the various stages of litigation described below must be completed not later than the deadlines indicated.

STAGES OF LITIGATION

DEADLINE

	SERVED BY	FILED BY	HEARD BY
Service of process made and return filed with the Court		11/16/2020	
Response to the complaint filed (also see MRCP 12)		12/15/2020	
All motions under MRCP 12, 19, and 20	12/15/2020	01/14/2021	02/15/2021
All motions under MRCP 15	10/11/2021	11/10/2021	11/10/2021
All discovery requests and depositions served and non-expert depositions completed	08/08/2022	11	
All motions under MRCP 56	09/06/2022	10/06/2022	
Final pre-trial conference held and/or firm trial date set			02/03/2023
Case shall be resolved and judgment shall issue by		A =	08/17/2023

The final pre-trial deadline is <u>not the scheduled date of the conference</u>. You will be notified of that date at a later time.

Counsel for plaintiff must serve this tracking order on defendant before the deadline for filing return of service.

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SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT CIVIL ACTION NO.

SUZANNE GOMES

Plaintiff,

VS.

RESOURCE EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC

Defendant.

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR TRIAL BY JURY

COMES NOW, Plaintiff, Suzanne Gomes, (hereinafter "Ms. Gomes" and Plaintiff) by counsel, and files her Complaint against Resource Employment Solutions, LLC, (hereinafter "Resource Employment"). In support thereof, Plaintiff alleges the following:

PARTIES

- Plaintiff, Suzanne Gomes, is an individual residing in the City of Quincy, County of Norfolk, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- Defendant, Resource Employment Solutions, LLC, ("Resource Employment"), based on information and belief, is a limited liability company with principal place of business at 5900 Lake Ellenor Drive, Suite 100, Orlando, Florida 32809. The subject incident in this matter occurred at Resource Employment's Massachusetts branch office, located at 140 School Street, Suite 2F, Brockton, Massachusetts 02302.

JURISDICTION

- 3. This is an action for damages arising out of Defendant's discriminatory conduct in which defendant discriminated against Plaintiff based on sex, sexual harassment and retaliated against her when she opposed its discriminatory acts.
- 4. This unlawful discrimination was perpetrated by the employer against its employee in violation of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. 2000e, et seq., as amended, and in violation of M.G.L. Chapter 151B, §1, et seq.
- 5. Plaintiff timely filed her Complaint at the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination ("MCAD"), MCAD Docket No. 18BEM02747, on September 27, 2018, chronicling the ongoing harassment, discrimination, and retaliation she experienced while an employee at Resource Employment. Her Complaint was cross-filed at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.
- On November 30, 2019, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination issued the Plaintiff a Notice of Right to Sue authorizing her to file the instant civil action and found lack of Probable Cause for Plaintiff's Claims of discrimination based on sex, sexual harassment and relation against Defendant, Resource Employment.
- 7. Plaintiff filed a timely appeal of the Dismissal of the MCAD Complaint and the decision was affirmed on May 20, 2020.
- 8. Plaintiff has timely filed a Complaint with this Court with 90 days of the Appeal Decision.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

- 9. Plaintiff, Ms. Gomes, was at all times relevant to the claims brought herein, a female employee at Resource Employment.
- Plaintiff worked as a Manager of Resource Employment's Massachusetts office from October 4, 2016 to April 2, 2018.
- 11. By way of background, Resource Employment is a staffing company that provided temporary and permanent staffing service to companies, including Amazon.
- 12. As part of her job duties, Plaintiff was responsible for supervising and managing the Massachusetts branch, assisting applicants and employees, facilitating effective staffing by assessing staffing needs of each company, identifying and recruiting talented individuals to fill those needs and hiring internal staff for the Massachusetts branch.
- 13. Plaintiff enjoyed her position with Employment Resource because it allowed her to use her interpersonal and professional experiences to help people in the community, who struggled with speaking, writing, and understanding English and to secure employment opportunities.
- 14. After starting her employment with Employment Resource, Plaintiff was supervised by NIT Manager, Magda Bonilla, who worked out of the Corporate Office in Florida.
- 15. At the end of November 2017, Defendant Resource Employment sent Magda and her wife, Johanna Sanchez on a business trip to the Massachusetts office to assist Plaintiff with the large volume of paper applications, to provide training to the Massachusetts team and unbeknownst to Plaintiff to also restructure the organization of the office.

- 16. Johanna held a position of seasonal team lead for Amazon, which meant she was employed by Resource Employment as a liaison between Resource Employment and Amazon, one of the company's biggest staffing contracts.
- 17. However, while on the trip to the Massachusetts office, Johanna exercised authority over Plaintiff as a "de facto" supervisor by: 1) meeting with Plaintiff individually to discuss and address her concerns of Plaintiff's management skills, 2) re-assigning tasks to employees, including Plaintiff based on her assessment of their strengths and weaknesses, and 3) advising Plaintiff that Resource Employment sent her along with Magda to rearrange the office, and fire and/or discipline employees if necessary.
- 18. Johanna also warned Plaintiff that she and Magda were sent from the corporate office to "chop heads", emphasizing her authority to terminate employees such as Plaintiff.
- 19. As a result, Plaintiff believed Johanna had authority to affect the terms and conditions of her employment even though she was not her official supervisor.
- 20. On December 1, 2017, Johanna informed Plaintiff that an Employee had called the Resource Employment corporate office/HR to file a complaint because Plaintiff was "not wearing a bra the other day" and that it against Plaintiff was "very concerning."
- 21. Plaintiff became very uncomfortable and insecure about her body at that moment and being caught off guard with the subject of the conversation, began to defend her body figure and responded to Johanna by stating that she had very small

- breasts, wears a bra every day and could not understand how she could have offended anyone with her appearance.
- 22. Johanna responded to Plaintiff by stating that "she too, has very small breasts and she understood" but she was just "trying to help [Ms. Gomes] out because we cannot control how others view our bodies." Johanna then lifted her shirt to reveal a tank top underneath, at which point she tugged on her sports bra to prove her point that even women with small breasts should still wear [more supportive] bras. Johanna went further to suggest that Plaintiff wear longer tops to cover her buttocks area when she is in the office.
- 23. Plaintiff was flabbergasted that she was having this conversation with her supervisor's wife and continued to feel uncomfortable and judged by someone who was not her supervisor and/or manager.
- 24. Although Plaintiff knew she always dressed in professional attire to work, she felt uncomfortable, offended, and intimidated.
- 25. Alarmed by the conversation, Plaintiff expressed to Johanna that she intended to speak with the HR Director, Ginnette Brown regarding the employee's complaint about her breasts because this was the first time she was made aware of an employee making a complaint about her figure or dress attire not being appropriate for work.
- 26. Johanna discouraged Plaintiff from contacting the HR Department by stating that "if Ginnette were to find out about this incident she would call you and chew you up" because Ginnette is very difficult to deal with. Johanna then proceeded to ask

- Plaintiff, "are you sure you want to take those chances and talk to Ginnette because I don't think you do?"
- 27. After the conversation with Johanna ended, Plaintiff kept her scarf on, which covered her breast area, and could not bring herself to take the scarf off for the rest of the day in fear that someone else would start looking at her chest.
- 28. Thereafter, Plaintiff called Ginnette to discuss the incident but received her voicemail greeting.
- 29. Then, Plaintiff texted her former supervisor Liliana Hernandez and wrote:
 - "I was just told to cover my butt when I work and to wear a sturdier bra (I can only wear bralettes- I have no boobies) by Johanna. I can't hide my butt. Meanwhile she has skintight pants on with her shirt tucked in. I feel so uncomfortable. She told me that Ginnette received a complaint from an employee's wife about my boobs...why wouldn't Ginnette tell me? And she told me that the last thing I want is for Ginnette to talk to me because she is not an understanding person. I'm trying to get ahold of Ginnette."
- 30. A short while later, Plaintiff received a phone call from Ginnette and stepped out of the office to speak with her in private. Plaintiff explained the details of the conversations she had with Johanna and expressed her concerns and how she felt uncomfortable. Plaintiff also inquired whether a complaint had been filed against another employee as stated by Johanna and Ginnette had confirmed that she was not aware of any complaint against Plaintiff.

- 31. When Plaintiff returned to the office, Magda approached her and asked her if they could take a walk to discuss the incident that took place with Johanna. Plaintiff reluctantly agreed and expressed that she did not feel safe or comfortable.
- 32. Although Magda did not have personal knowledge of anyone making a complaint against Plaintiff. However, she believed Johanna's allegations and reiterated to Plaintiff that a complaint was filed against Plaintiff even though Ginnette, HR Manager denied it.
- 33. Magda expressed to Plaintiff that she discussed employee issues with Johanna, and Johanna assisted her to develop strategies on how to make the office run better based on employees' strength and weakness. Magda further state that although she did not expect Johanna to pull Plaintiff aside, Johanna was trying to help Plaintiff become a better manager.
- 34. Like Johanna, Magda attempted to discourage Plaintiff from making complaints of sexual harassment directly to the HR Department.
- 35. When Plaintiff returned to the office, she sat at her desk and tried to focus on her work but that was nearly impossible after what had just transpired.
- 36. After Plaintiff made the Complaint to the HR Department, she began to fear that she would be retaliated against because Magda and Johanna expressed their disappointment that Plaintiff called the HR Department to report the conversation between her and Johanna.
- 37. At no time did Plaintiff welcome any of the sexual comments about her body and attire identified above.

- 38. Sometime in the beginning of December 2017, Ginnette flew to the Brockton office unannounced to discuss the incident in person with Plaintiff.
- 39. Ginnette informed Plaintiff that Johanna was terminated from Resource Employment and that the Director of Operation, Jihan Romero, who was a supervisor at Resource Employment would contact Plaintiff directly to ensure that Plaintiff continued to feel comfortable and safe while working for Resource Employment.
- 40. Weeks following the incident, Jihan contacted Plaintiff in which she was under the impression that the call was regarding her sexual harassment complaint. However, Jihan immediately told Plaintiff to take her focus away from the incident and to concentrate on the Amazon work orders that needed to be processed and completed for her to remain in good standing with the company.
- 41. Plaintiff immediately noticed a change in Jihan's tone and attitude towards her following her internal complaint but nonetheless Plaintiff attempted to focus solely on her work duties and responsibilities.
- 42. However, Plaintiff started noticing that her work environment changed dramatically, and she began experiencing passive aggressive behaviors and adverse employment actions from members of management, including her supervisors.
- 43. For example, during her tenure at Resource Employment, Plaintiff was interested in the NIT position and started formally training for the position on or about February 2017. After the incident, Jihan told Plaintiff that she did not qualify for the position because it would require her to relocate to the Florida corporate office.

Conversely, the NIT position was given to a male employee who worked in the Brockton office named Christopher Tucker and he was not required to move to Florida.

- 44. Plaintiff was more qualified than Mr. Tucker for the NIT position.
- 45. Jihan also began depriving Plaintiff from using her employee benefits (i.e. paid time off and vacation time) after she filed the internal complaint. By October 2017, Plaintiff had accrued five days of vacation time. From December 2017 through March 2018, Plaintiff inquired to Jihan and Angelica on several occasions when she could take vacation time off. Plaintiff was often told that the Brockton office was understaffed, therefore she could not take any time off.
- 46. In the beginning of March 2018, Plaintiff made a formal written request for vacation time off from March 19, 2018 through March 23, 2018. However, Plaintiff never received a verbal or written approval for her request nor was the same approved in the company database system. She, in turn, worked the entire week of March 19, 2018 through March 25, 2018.
- 47. After Plaintiff's requested vacation dates had lapsed, Jihan logged onto internal database system on March 29th and altered Plaintiff's record of used vacation time.

 Jihan had manually approved her vacation request after the week had elapsed to give the allusion that she had used her vacation time so that the database would reflect that she had exhausted employee vacation benefits.
- 48. Immediately thereafter, Jihan emailed Plaintiff and informed her that she did not have any paid time off available until October 2018. Consequently, if Plaintiff took

- any time off from work before October 2018, she would be docked (i.e. reprimanded.)
- 49. Plaintiff immediately emailed Jihan to inform her she had not used any of her vacation time throughout her tenure at Resource Employment. Plaintiff also reminded Jihan she attended team conference calls, responded to emails, directly communicated, and worked collectively with Jihan during the week of March 19th.
- Nonetheless, on March 30, 2018, Ginnette sent Plaintiff an email re-asserting Jihan's position that Plaintiff used her vacation days for the year and that she would have to wait until October 2018 to utilize vacation days.
- Vhile sitting at her desk in disbelief that she was being denied her PTO and vacation time benefits, Mr. Tucker came to Plaintiff's office to take photographs of her on his personal cellphone and stated that Magda had requested the photograph to demonstrate proof that Plaintiff was physically in the office working. Plaintiff felt harassed and violated that her former supervisor instructed an employee to take a photograph of her on his personal cellphone and that she was attempting to micromanage Plaintiff's performance.
- 52. After filing the internal complaint, Magna and Jihan also began contacting Plaintiff on personal set phones at inappropriate times as early as 5:00am inquiring about work issues which could be dealt during business hours.
- 53. Defendant, Resource Employment's management personnel created a hostile work environment by engaging in other actions including but not limited to 1) denying Plaintiff basic administrative and clerical support staff despite her countless requests, 2) allowing members of the NIT department to send Plaintiff

countless passive aggressive emails, 3) allowing supervisors to constantly harass Plaintiff with phone calls to her cell at all odd hours of the night and 4) requesting other employees of the Brockton office to take photographs of Plaintiff during her work shift to send to management to confirm Plaintiff was working in the office, which is a total violation of her privacy.

- 54. On April 2, 2018, Plaintiff resigned from her position because she felt that the working conditions were going to continue being intolerable as it was clear that Resource Employment were not taking accountability for any of the adverse actions against her.
- Due to the Resource Employment's hostile work environment, adverse action taken against her, Plaintiff suffered loss of income, loss of self-esteem, severe weight loss, emotional distress, anxiety, and depression.

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- The Plaintiff repeats and incorporates herein her allegations set forth in paragraphs one (1) through fifty-five (55) above.
- 57. On the basis of Plaintiff's sex, she was subjected to sexual harassment.
- 58. Plaintiff believes and therefore avers that the Defendant's failure to effectuate her promotion to NIT was not based on legitimate business considerations but because of her gender and retaliation.
- 59. At all times, the management of Resource Employment were aware of the sexual harassment.

- 60. As a result of Defendant's unlawful discrimination against the Plaintiff on the basis of her gender, the Plaintiff has:
 - a. Caused to suffer an undesirable job assignment and other adverse employment actions;
 - b. Caused to suffer a loss of opportunities to advance her career; and,
 - c. Caused to experience emotional distress, humiliation, and mental anguish.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands as follows:

- a. Grant Plaintiff judgment against the Defendant for compensatory damages.
- b. Grant Plaintiff judgment against Defendant for punitive damages in excess of the compensatory damages for its actions towards Plaintiff, and to deter similar extreme and unacceptable conduct in the future.
- c. Grant Plaintiff judgment against Defendant for emotional distress damages.
- d. Award Plaintiff her costs, interest, and reasonable attorney's fees against Defendant.
- e. That the Court grants the Plaintiff such other relief as may be just and proper.

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- 61. The Plaintiff repeats and incorporates herein her allegations set forth in paragraphs one (1) through sixty (60) above.
- 62. As the result of complaining about the Defendant, Resource Employment's unlawful sexual discrimination, the Defendant retaliated against Plaintiff by increasing her workload while decreasing her support staff, denying her promotion opportunities, denying her vacation and personal time off of work and increasing the hostility in the work environment.

- 63. As a direct result of the Defendant's conduct, the Plaintiff has suffered damages.

 WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, Suzanne Gomes demands as follows:
 - a. Grant Plaintiff judgment against Defendant for compensatory damages.
 - b. Grant Plaintiff judgment against Defendant for punitive damages in excess of the compensatory damages for its actions towards Plaintiff, and to deter similar extreme and unacceptable conduct in the future.
 - c. Grant Plaintiff judgment against Defendant for emotional distress damages.
 - d. Award Plaintiff her costs, interest, and reasonable attorney's fees against Defendant.
 - e. That the Court grants the Plaintiff such other relief as may be just and proper.

JURY DEMAND

The Plaintiff hereby demands a trial by jury on each claim asserted or hereafter asserted in the Complaint, and on each defense asserted or hereafter asserted by the Defendant.

Respectfully submitted, Plaintiff, Suzanne Gomes By her attorneys,

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Dated: August 17, 2020

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PLYMOUTH, SS. SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2083-CV-00612

SUZANNE GOMES,

Plaintiff

v.

RESOURCE EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC Defendant

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of Nicole C. Chomiak of the law firm of Gordon Rees Scully Mansukhani, 95 Glastonbury Boulevard., Suite 206, Glastonbury, CT 06033, as attorney for the Defendant, Resource Employment Solutions, LLC, in the above captioned matter.

Dated: September 15, 2020 THE DEFENDANT,

RESOURCE EMPLOYMENT SOLUTIONS, LLC

BY: /s/ *Nicole C. Chomiak*

Nicole C. Chomiak, Esq. (BBO# 638787)

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CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that a copy of the foregoing was sent this 15th day of September, 2020 by Electronic Mail, to all counsel of record as follows:

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/s/ Nicole C. Chomiak
Nicole C. Chomiak, Esq.